

REMARKS

The title has been amended to be in conformance with the English translation of the International Application.

The specification is amended in accordance with 37 CFR §1.78 to make reference to the International Application from which this application originates and to incorporate by reference the Japanese priority applications. Also, the specification is amended to conform to U.S. practice and correct informalities. A marked-up copy and a clean copy of the substitute specification are provided.

Claims have been amended to eliminate multiple dependency. New claims have been added to restore the subject matter that was removed as a result of the amendment and to further claim what the applicants regard as the invention. The amendments are made to reduce filing fees and not for any other reason related to patentability of such claims.

Fig. 6 is amended to include reference item "P" indicating the plane that contains both the center line of the clamp member and the center line of the fitting hole. Support for the amendment to Fig. 6 may be found in the Specification on page 39, line 5 through page 42, line 8 and in Fig. 19.

The Abstract has been amended to conform to the U.S. practice.

No new matter has been added by these amendments.

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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Attachment - Replacement Sheet - Fig. 6